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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: identifying insertions and ~~deletions~~.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 19 (third full paragraph), with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to some embodiments, the friendship objects are specially adapted to enable the linked objects to form a necklace, a bracelet or other item of jewelry, a belt, ~~or other item of jewelry, or a belt, (Heidi—list others)~~ or other object that may typically be worn by an individual. According to other embodiments, the objects may be linked together to form chains or other linked structures. These structures may be attached to other structures such as bookcases, knapsacks and other structures.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3 (first full paragraph), with the following rewritten paragraph:

One aspect of the invention relates to at least a pair of (or more) friendship objects that may be created, packaged and/or sold together. Preferably, one person may keep one of the friendship objects and give a second friendship object to a second person. As illustrated in FIG. 1, a package 100 may include at least a pair of friendship objects (102, 104). Each of the friendship objects (102, 104) may be substantially identical or complimentary. Each friendship object (102, 104) may include one or more connecting mechanisms, generally designated 106. According to one embodiment, the ~~connection~~-connecting mechanism may include a first connection component 106a and a second connection component 106b. The ~~connection~~-connecting mechanism (and/or connection components) may be used to connect together or link multiple friendship objects, so that multiple friends can share and link together multiple friendship objects. In one embodiment (not shown), the connecting mechanism may include a jewelry clasp. For example, a first connection component 106a of a first object may be a substantially solid ring (or other shape) and a second connection component 106b may include a latch that can be opened, connected to the first connection component of second friendship object, and closed. In another embodiment, the connecting mechanism 106 may include a hook and loop fastener material (e.g., Velcro™). Any suitable connecting mechanism may be used such that the objects are linked together.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 20 (second full paragraph), with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to one embodiment, a connection component (e.g., 106a) of a friendship object may be directly coupled to a connection component (e.g., 106b) of another friendship object. According to another embodiment, ~~connecting mechanisms~~ connection components (106a, 106b) of a pair of friendship objects (e.g., 102, 104) may be coupled via an intermediate connector, for example, a chain, or any suitable structure.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1 (first full paragraph), with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURES. 2A and 2B illustrates friendship object 102 having ~~connecting mechanisms~~ connection components (106a, 106b) for linking to one or more other friendship objects. According to one embodiment, friendship object 102 may include one or more ~~connecting mechanisms~~ connection components (106a, 106b) oriented along any axis or orientation. For example, in some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 2A, friendship object 102 may include one or more ~~connecting mechanisms~~ connection components (106a, 106b) attached along the vertical axis of object 102. In other embodiments, as illustrated in FIG 2B, friendship object 102 may include one or more ~~connecting mechanisms~~ connection components (106a, 106b) attached along the horizontal axis of object 102.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 10 (second full paragraph), with the following rewritten paragraph:

As illustrated in FIG. 3, a plurality of friendship objects (e.g., 102, 112, 114, 116) may be linked together. In some embodiments, each of the plurality of friendship objects (e.g., 102, 112, 114, 116) may include a connector 108 coupled to ~~connecting mechanisms~~ connection components (106a, 106b). Connector 108 may enable linking one friendship object to another friendship object. In other embodiments, each of the plurality of friendship objects (e.g., 102, 112, 114, 116) may be directly linked together via ~~connecting mechanisms~~ connection components (106a, 106b) without intermediate connector 108.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 11 (second full paragraph), with the following rewritten paragraph:

The ~~connector~~-connecting mechanism may be located on the friendship object in a location and/or orientation to enable or facilitate the linking of certain types of objects for certain purposes. For example, in one embodiment, as shown for example in Fig. 4, the first ~~connector~~-connection component and second ~~connector~~-connection component extend along an axis that is substantially vertical with respect to object 102. In other embodiments, the ~~connector~~-connection components may be located on an axis substantially perpendicular to that axis. For the particular object shown, the height (along what was referred to as the vertical axis) is less than the length (along a perpendicular axis). If it is desired to maximize the length of a link, it may be desirable to locate ~~connector~~-connection components along a longer axis of the friendship objects. If it is desired to increase the number of objects that can be linked in a given length, it may be desirable to locate the ~~connector~~-connection components along a substantially shorter axis of the friendship objects.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 23 (third full paragraph), with the following rewritten paragraph:

In other embodiments, more than one set of ~~connector~~-connection components can be located on a friendship object, along substantially perpendicular axes or otherwise.